

Cabin Air Quality Fume Event

Quick Reference





What To Do

1 Identify The Situation

If you encounter unusual fumes (odors), smoke, or haze:

- Quickly try to identify source: cabin air vents or other item?
- If source of fumes is air vents, could be oil or hydraulic fluid contamination.
- Report to pilots immediately.
 Use the onboard air quality checklist as a tool if possible.
- If no passengers are on board, step off the aircraft, especially if maintenance boards to test systems.
- Avoid breathing fumes coming from vents.

2 Get Help If Sick

- If in the air, notify the pilots to call Medlink.
- If still at the gate, ask the CSA to call paramedics. Deplane if possible.
- Seek medical attention as soon as possible. Some tests must be performed as soon as possible to detect exposure. Your symptoms can persist, worsen, or return after another incident.
- Call AFA for help (see reverse).
- Print and begin completing the AFA exposure checklist.
- Review the AFA International Air Quality website.

3 Report & Document

- File employee injury, irregularity, and ASAP reports with the company. Keep printed copies of each report.
- Send a copy of the employee injury report to airquality@afaalaska.org.
- Ask a supervisor to complete their Alaska Airlines air quality checklist with you.
- If sick, file a worker's compensation claim and see a doctor as quickly as possible.
 Claims do not start until you see a doctor.
- Keep a symptom diary and document everything with a doctor.

Info For Your Doctor

Tell your treating physician that you may have inhaled high-temperature engine oil/hydraulic fluid via the aircraft ventilation air supply. Give your physician the relevant safety data sheet (SDS) AND Health Care Provider Guide. AFA can send these to the ER/doctor on request.

Alaska Airlines uses:

Engine Oil

Mobil Jet Oil II; contains tricresyl phosphates, per SDS

Hydraulic Fluid

Chevron Hyjet IVa+; contains tributyl phosphates, per SDS

Fumes can contain carbon monoxide (CO). Notify doctor if you took oxygen (recommended) because it can influence the CO blood test. Information regarding blood tests to discuss with doctor can be found below.

Health Care Provider Guide & Blood Testing Information

https://wp.me/P46aMs-1AV#doctor



Resources

This Information & Forms

https://afaalaska.org/ashsc/ airquality/checklist



Global Lifeline

(800) 350-4390

AFA Contact Info

For help or to report a cabin air quality fume event:



(206) 457-2010 Option 3



airquality@afaalaska.org

Include your name, base, Peoplesoft number, and the flight number you're working. An AFA Air Quality Representative will respond as soon as possible.

AFA Employee Assistance Program (EAP)

(206) 457-2010, option 2 eap@afaalaska.org